

# Quote

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### MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Sen RICHARD NIXON (R-Calif): "I would do nothing that would harm the possibilities of Dwight D Eisenhower to become president of the United States. . . Let them (Republican Nat'l Committee) decide whether my position on the ticket will help or hurt." 1-Q

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Gen DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, *commenting on Nixon radio-television presentation*: "I have seen many brave men in tough situations, but I have never seen any come thru in better fashion than Sen Nixon did." 2-Q

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Gov ADLAI E STEVENSON: "If price increases are not halted before Jan, tighter wage controls, as well as tighter price controls will be needed. We just can't be pulled or pushed any further into the twisting cyclone of inflation." 3-Q

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Gov JAS F BYRNES (D-S C) *announcing intent to vote for Dwight D Eisenhower*: "Gov Stevenson would not condone corruption. . .

but he could never clean up the mess in Washington. He will be under too great an obligation to those responsible for the mess." 4-Q

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AFL delegate *commenting on union endorsement of Gov Stevenson*: "If Stevenson wins, those who are backing him can go to the White House and pound on the desk telling what they want and expect. If Ike is elected, he is a good guy; he will treat us square anyway." 5-Q

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Sen HOMER FERGUSON, (R) Mich: "The only way you can make real money in the U S today is to make a deal with the tax collector." 6-Q

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Sen ROBT A TAFT, (R) Ohio, *saying Nov election may be last chance to forestall socialism*: "Churchill can't go back because they have gone too far in England. Here we still have a chance. I am pessimistic about the future if we don't take advantage of it this yr." 7-Q

T W E L F T H   Y E A R   O F   P U B L I C A T I O N



These final wks in the political arena may witness a unique spectacle — 2 men doing the heavy slugging, and neither a candidate for public office. Both Truman and Taft have expressed a desire to meet each other in verbal combat. Conditions are shaping up so that they may have the opportunity.

It is now apparent that the Administration record cannot be ignored or sidestepped in this campaign. Taft will be at his best in attacking that record. Pres Truman is, of course, its logical and most articulate defender. The fireworks display should begin with the President's whistle-stop pilgrimage, and continue right up to election eve.

As a matter of simple mathematics, it is obvious that if Eisenhower is to be elected, he must gain the support of a substantial number of voters who cast ballots for Truman in '48. However, there

is an accepted axiom that the most difficult political feat is to gain a vote here without dropping one there. As a practical example the question may be raised: Did Ike's Southern tour arouse the resentment of "liberal" elements in Northern metropolitan centers to a point where they will more actively oppose him? A ready answer may be that these sheep were never in the fold, thus cannot be numbered amongst the lost. Persistent doorbell ringers find that while there are Democratic defections this year, those who feel strongly on such issues as FEPC have not been moved—and are not likely to be moved—from their party affiliation. An instance: Negroes who voted for Truman in '48 are holding solidly for Stevenson.

Sam Lubell and others who have been feeling the public pulse at close range, rep't that corruption simply is not an issue. To be sure, people are "agin'" it. But they appear to accept corruption as an inevitable concomitant of politics. There is no aroused indignation; no feeling that they personally are affected. Democratic deserters are moved by dissatisfaction over the draft; by burdensome taxes, and by inflated prices.



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"He who never quotes, is never quoted"  
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*Charles F. Johnson*



#### ACHIEVEMENT—1

Real power has fullness and variety. It is not narrow like lightning, but broad like light. The man who truly and worthily excels in any one line of endeavor might also, under a change of circumstances, have excelled in some other line. Power is a thing of solidity and wholeness.—R D HITCHCOCK, *Forbes*.

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The most difficult part of getting to the top of the ladder, is getting thru the crowd at the bottom.—*Journeyman Barber*.

#### ACTION—2

The great forward steps in human knowledge come not primarily by the work of those who stand off in splendid detachment, but far more by those who are bold enough to commit themselves to a position.—ELTON TRUEBLOOD, prof of Philosophy, Earlham College.

#### BEHAVIOR—3

A mother wrote to her son: "I would rather have you sound physically and morally than Pres." The mother was the late Mrs Helen Davis Stevenson. The son—presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson.—NEWELL ROGERS, *Daily Express*, London.

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It is easy to attract public attention and to forfeit public respect.—J HANDLEY WRIGHT, Public Relations Consultant.

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#### Brief Beef

I have no quarrel  
With any guy  
Who always takes his time.  
But mostly, while  
He's doing it,  
He's also taking mine!—P K  
*Sideliner*, hm, Peter Kuntz Co. 4

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#### BUREAUCRACY—5

The Dep't of Commerce has a Nat'l Comm on Wood Utilization, which has a Sub-comm on Uses for Secondhand Boxes and Odd Pieces of Lumber.—*New Yorker*.

#### CHILDREN—Understanding—6

We had decided, her mother and I, not to make anything momentous of this 1st day of school. I was to drop her there and drive on. . .

What is she thinking, I asked myself. What goes on inside that bright, new, untouched mind? Does she know what it means, this 1st step on the endless ladder of education? Of course she doesn't, I told myself impatiently. If she did, she'd probably jump out of the car and run away. . .

I opened the car door. She got out slowly. Now I was supposed to drive nonchalantly away. "So long, Sherry," I said.

She turned her head. "Don't be scared, Daddy," she said. "I'll be back."—ARTHUR GORDON, *McCall's*.

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### **The Teacher**

To a child thrust into a strange world, a good teacher is the best thing that can possibly happen.

A teacher is Courage with Kleenex in its pocket, Sympathy struggling with a snow-suit, and Patience with papers to grade.

Teachers spend 12 hrs a day searching for truth and the other 12 hrs searching for error.

They are incorruptible, indispensable, infallible, invincible, and nearly inexhaustible.

A teacher really does not mind sniffles, squirmings, stomach aches, spills, sloth and sauciness. Neither does she disintegrate before tears, trifles, fights, futility, excuses, parents who spout, little boys who shout, and little girls who pout.

Most of all, a teacher is somebody who likes somebody else's children—and still has enough strength left to go to the P T A meeting.

Thank heaven for teachers.—  
*Lederle Chevron.*

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### **CHRISTIANITY—Applied—8**

If we can get our generation of youth to apply Christianity at every point, to meet the problems facing our church and country with a boldness and confidence that we lack now, then we—instead of the Communists—will become the great revolutionaries of our age.—REV GEO HARPER, administration sec'y of Nat'l Conf of Methodist Youth.

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### **CHURCH—Contributions—9**

There was once a time when church collection plates got most of the money the filling stations now get on Sundays.—*Highways of Happiness.*

### **CHURCH—Membership—10**

There are people who refuse to join a church because of some imperfection in its administration. It is well to reflect that if there were such a thing as a perfect church, none of us could get in! — DR CLOVIS CHAPPELL, Methodist minister and author.

### **CITIZENSHIP—11**

Our schools can do a great deal more to instill in American children a deeper, more practical understanding of what our democracy demands of them. As I recall it, I left school with a much better idea of my rights as a citizen than of my responsibilities as a citizen. I think you'll agree with me that there should be a much better balance between the two in the minds of our youngsters today.—HENRY FORD II, Pres, Ford Motor Co.

### **CORRUPTION—12**

Recent crime disclosures hint that the long arm of the law has long fingers, too.—F ROBT BECKER, *Industrial Press Service.*

### **CRITICISM—13**

There would be no civilization without criticism. If man did not possess the ability to discover what is good, and seek to make it better, and to discern what is bad, and seek to suppress it, we might still be living in trees and caves.—RALPH C SMEDLEY, "Constructive Criticism," *Toastmaster*, 9-52.

#### DEBT—14

A Utah sheepman said that for the 1st time in 10 yrs his herd wasn't mortgaged.

"How many children do you have?" I asked him.

He said a family of 6—himself and wife, and 4 children.

"Then," I said, "your part of the nat'l debt is more than \$10,000. All you've done is transfer the debt (your mortgage) from your sheep to your children."—Dr GEORGE S BENSON, Arkansas educator and author.

#### DEMOCRACY—Communism—15

One of the chief differences between Democracy and Communism is that Democracy tries its best to support the world—while the Communist tries only to hold it up.—VINCENT ARGONDEZZI, *Partners*.

#### DRINK—Drinking—16

The origins of alcoholic beverages pre-date the earliest recorded history. One theory even credits alcohol with the founding of civilization; the idea being that men had to band together to raise the grapes to get the wine.—JOHN T DUNLAVY, "Here's How!" *Bluebook*, 9-'52.

#### EDUCATION—17

A school is a place where a boy who has no difficulty in spelling "superjet" finds it impossible to learn to spell "cat."—LOUIS REDMOND, *What I Know About Boys* (Hanover House).

#### FOLLY—18

Nobody can describe a fool to the life, without much patient self-inspection.—FRANK M COLBY, *New Outlook*.



The Nixon case has brought several inquiries as to procedure in making changes in a nat'l political ticket.

One of the routine and little-noted acts in every major convention is the passing of a resolution empowering the Nat'l Committee (Republican or Democratic, as the case may be) to select party nominees for vacancies which may occur in the ticket, thru death or other exigency. This is a traditional precaution, since it would be obviously impracticable to summon the various delegates for another convention. While, technically, the power of decision lies with the Nat'l Committee, in the matter of replacing a vice-presidential nominee, the party's nominee for president would, in all probability have the decisive voice.

In our political history thus far, is has never been necessary to replace a presidential nominee. One vice-presidential nominee died prior to election.

In the 1912 campaign Jas S Sherman was the Republican nominee for vice-president, on a ticket headed by Wm Howard Taft. Sherman had served as vice-president under Taft, and was renominated, along with the chief exec. Sherman died on Oct. 30, 1912, only a few days before the election. There was no time to make a change in ballots, which had already been distributed. However, the Republican Nat'l Committee, in an emergency session, selected Dr Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia Univ, as a substitute nominee.

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## "Of all things!"

Having achieved true-branding of furs, Fed'l Trade Commission is now invading lumber industry. Under fire is a wood mkted in this country for half-a-century as Philippine Mahogany. FTC contends it is not botanically classified as a true mahogany and should not be so labeled. . . FTC is also interested in "soil conditioners"; may crack down soon on producers making exaggerated advertising claims. . . Some of the new "miracle" fibres (dacron, orlon, etc) are getting the goat of wool-growers. American Wool Council has petitioned FTC to check ad claims of these active competitors.

*Wall St Jnl* points out that 3 recent spectacular films (*Quo Vadis*, *African Queen*, *Ivanhoe*) were filmed abroad. Does this mark a new trend? Producers like the idea on 2 counts: (1) foreign production is less expensive; and (2) opportunity is afforded to use frozen funds accumulated from sale of U S films abroad. Fly-in-ointment: U S unions oppose the trend; threaten to call out union projectionists if foreign-made films become prevalent.

*Hard-times note:* Nat'l prosperity is bad for Communist Party papers. *Daily Worker* is again in the dollar doldrums. They are front-paging a "financial crisis" threatening the "very existence" of the daily. In 2 yrs circulation is down almost 50%.

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### FOR'GN AID—19

American money not only talks—it does so in almost every for'gn tongue. — IVAR HELMER, *Industrial Press Service*.

### FRANCHISE—20

A Congressman friend rec'd the following letter from a constituent:

"I went to register for voting last wk. They asked me if I was a Democrat or a Republican. But I am neither, I am just an American. Does this keep me from voting?"

"Sincerely, . . ."

—ELEANOR J SMITH, "Your World: As It Looks From Washington," *Nat'l News of American Legion Auxiliary*, 9-'52.

### HEALTH—Conservation—21

If tomorrow's adults can learn to regard the life throbbing in the body of a common ant, a sugar maple and a foliose lichen as worthy of wonder, they may not be so quick to auction off the marvelous mach'y of the human body. — MARY LOU TURNER, "Bringing Wild Life Into the Classroom," *Education*, 9-'52.

### INFLATION—22

Those who believe inflation can be controlled at any desired point may also believe that an A-bomb can be exploded just a little.—*Marlboro (Mass) Enterprise*.

Another note on inflation: If money grew on trees, the value of the timber would greatly exceed that of the money.—*Cincinnati Enquirer*.

If the Fed'l gov't piles up debt and creates inflation at the 1939-1952 rate, we may have a 28¢ dollar by 1965 instead of the 53¢ dollar we have now.—*NAM Report*.

### INSULT—23

The only graceful way to accept an insult is to ignore it; if you can't ignore it, top it; if you can't top it, laugh at it; if you can't laugh at it, it's probably deserved.

—RUSSELL LYNES, "The Art of Accepting," *Vogue*, 9-'52.

### KNOWLEDGE—Ignorance—24

A person proud of his knowledge, is ignorant.—*Banking*.

### LANGUAGE—25

If you hear an owl hoot "To whom" instead of "To who" you can make up your mind he was born in Boston.—*Origin Unknown*.

### LITERATURE—26

Modern literature has traversed 3 phases. The 1st phase defined characters. The 2nd studied the settings and circumstances of the human drama. The 3rd is an effort to understand what we are doing in this confusion which has torn us.—GEORGES DUHAMEL quoted by GERARD CAILLET, *France-Illustration*, Paris.

### PERSEVERANCE—27

We sometimes become discouraged with the immensity of the task before us, but remember, we move forward only one step at a time. The Master did not say, "Go thou, good and successful servant," He said, "Go thou good and faithful servant."—Mrs JOHN E HAYES, Past Pres, Nat'l Congress of Parents and Teachers.

### PREPAREDNESS—28

You may favor peace, but did you ever see anybody escape a tornado by merely favoring good weather?—*Lion*.



Joker, "the only magazine with JEST Propulsion", sponsored by Nat'l Ass'n of Gagwriters, Room 902, 292 Madison Ave, N Y 17, is going in for "out-of-this-world" jokes. Contest is announced for cartoons or gags on inter-planetary situations. First prize: \$100 in cash "plus an all-expense-paid trip to Mars." Closing date: Feb 28, '53. Winner announced during 8th annual Nat'l Laugh Wk, beginning April Fool's Day.

In Sept *Scientific American* Wasilij Leontief ("Machines & Man") projects an interesting point: 100 yrs was required for the steam engine to establish itself as part and parcel of the industrial scene; electric power took less than 50 yrs; the internal combustion engine was accepted in 30 yrs; the vacuum tube was in almost every American home within 15 yrs of its invention. At the turn of the century we said, "Applied science is pure science 20 yrs later." Now, the interval is much shorter—five or perhaps even two yrs.

A flower show with social significance was planned and projected by Atlanta Jr Flower Show Ass'n. They staged their exhibits in 10 churches along Peachtree St, thus sponsoring interfaith friendliness. Helen Kirkpatrick Lyon tells the story in *American Home*, Sept.

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In an effort to emphasize the up-to-dateness of one of its titles Random House recently took a full page in *Publisher's Wkly* to billboard a single sentence: "The American College Dictionary Contains Chlorophyll." This febrile effort, on analysis, becomes rather pointless, since there is nothing new about chlorophyll except its application to dog food and toothpaste. Every dictionary, encyclopedia and word source of any standing contains "chlorophyll" and always has.

Long impressed and depressed by lack of originality in the nomenclature of roadside inns, we are now heartened to note that in Hannibal, Mo, boyhood home of Mark Twain, one may reside in the *Tom & Huck Motel*. Incidentally, Dixon Wecter's awaited biography, *Sam Clemens of Hannibal*, (Houghton) meets all expectations.

As expected, there is considerable talk in the book trade concerning the action of *Life* in publishing, for the 1st time, the full text of a book in a single issue. Whether this course stimulated or retarded sale of the regular edition of Hemingway's *The Old Man and The Sea* must remain an academic question. Interesting to note, however, that the brief novel, priced at \$3, is going well enough to make the *N Y Times* Best Seller list.

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#### PRODUCTION—29

In one yr, America's 24 million cows produce enough milk to form a river 3 ft deep and 40 ft wide, extending from San Francisco to N Y—some 120 billion lbs of milk.—*Milk Plant Monthly*.

#### RACE—Relations—30

There has been a great shift in the interest of Protestant churches in race relations from 1908 to 1944. From 1908 to 1929 these denominations adopted only 7 resolutions on the race question, but from 1940 to 1944 about 100 were adopted.—Dr FRANK S LOESCHER, American Friends Service Comm.

#### RELIGION—31

Religion in many quarters has become sedate and staid and solemn. I have been in churches where countenance after countenance suggested nothing as much as a funeral. Many have come round to Lady Britomart's way of thinking. To her daughter, a major in the Salvation Army, she protests, "Really, Barbara, you go on as if religion were a pleasant subject. Do have some sense of propriety!"—Dr ROBT J MCCracken, of Riverside Church, N Y C, "Secret of Victorious Living," *Watchman-Examiner*, 9-4-'52.

#### RUSSIA—America—32

Moscow's 1st phone directory since the war came out recently. The original printing run of it was 25,000 copies and they sold out quickly at 18 rubles (about \$4.50) per copy. The N Y Telephone Co got out a directory for its borough of Manhattan customers a bit ago. It was distributed free to 959,000 customers.—*Northwestern Bell*, hm, Bell Telephone Co.



# Pathways to the Past



Week of  
Oct 19-25

Nat'l Hat Wk  
Rice Wk  
United Nations Wk  
Nat'l Bible Wk (20-26)  
Apple Wk (23-Nov 1)

Oct 19 — Telephone connection between N Y and Chicago completed 60 yrs ago.

Oct 20—50 yrs ago Flatiron Bldg (so named for its peculiar shape) became 1st N Y steel skyscraper, rising 20 stories in the air. Woolworth Bldg, then "highest inhabitable bldg in the world", completed 10 yrs later.

Oct 22—United American Zionists, 1st nat'l Zionist org, estab 55 yrs ago. Advocated Palestine as world home of Jews. . . 60th b'day of Burton Rascoe, author and critic. When he became editor of venerable *Bookman*, at age 35, jesters quipped name should be changed to *Bookboy*.

Oct 23—75 yrs ago Chas F Brush rec'd patent for copper-coated carbon sticks for arc lamps. He probably did more than any other individual to advance street-lighting in America. . . Historically, this is "Panic Wk" in America. The panic of '07 began on this date. The great Stock Mkt debacle, which heralded the "depression period" of early '30s, occurred Oct 24, 1929. . . American artillery first shot in World War I, 35 yrs ago today. And 10 yrs ago, in World War II, Montgomery swept Rommel's forces from the African desert for good.

## 10 Years Ago

From the files of QUOTE: Commenting on our expenditure of \$74 billion in '42 for war effort, Ollie James, *Cincinnati Enquirer*, observed: "If that doesn't kill the Axis dictators, we'll beat the rest of their stuffings out with the blunt end of the empty checkbook." . . . Administration spokesman ans'g charge that good news on war was being held up to influence election: "Dearth of favorable tidings is due to a scarcity of developments that make good news."

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Oct 24—Feast of St Raphael, the archangel (the Seraph who brought the shepherds "good tidings of great joy") . . . UN Day (charter became effective 7 yrs ago today.) . . . 320th anniv of b of Anthony van Leeuwenhoek, the little Dutch janitor who discovered microbes thru his homemade microscope.

Oct 25—Feast of St Crispin, patron of leatherworkers. (He made shoes, sold them cheaply. A 3rd Century legend asserts that angels provided him with leather.) . . . 98th anniv Battle of Balaklava, engagement that inspired Tennyson's *Charge of the Light Brigade*. "It is magnificent," said a French observer, "but it is not war."

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At a mtg of farmers in Eastern Germany, the Soviet Official threatened:

"Those who fail to deliver their full quota of produce as taxed, will be deported to Siberia."

After his speech, one of the farmers rose and said with utmost seriousness: "I know Siberia very well from Soviet movies. It is a remarkable country. To live there is to live in paradise. And we are to send our wreckers and saboteurs to such a place? I protest! I demand real punishment. Let us send the scoundrels where they will suffer hunger and misery and privation. Let us send them . . . to the Western Zone. I have seen Soviet films. I know that Western Germany is hell on earth!"

The farmers gave the proposal unanimous support. And the Soviet official hastily closed the mtg.—*Challenge*, Bulletin of the Ass'n of Political Prisoners of Soviet Labor Camps Inc.

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From behind the Iron Curtain: A Soviet satellite diplomat, stationed in a Western country, rec'd from his for'gn minister a telegraphic order to return home by the 15th of the month. He sent the following immediate reply: "Order rec'd, am making preparations, will arrive on the afternoon of the 14th." Twenty fours hrs later a new telegram came from the for'gn minister: "In view of your willingness to come home, you may stay."—*Pathfinder*.

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#### SERVICE—to Others—33

No man lives in vain who is important to the life of someone else.—ROY L SMITH, "You . . . Are a Key Person," *Christian Advocate*, 9-11-'52.

#### SEXES—34

The average office wolf is as harmless as a tame skunk. He isn't really a wolf at all—he is just a mouse with great yearnings. Usually he is a married man with a wife who understands him only too thoroughly. That is why he paws his way around the office in the romantic hope of finding some girl who will be kind enough to misunderstand him a little. — HAL BOYLE, *N Y Post*.

#### SOCIALISM—35

Even politics has not produced a greater economic absurdity than the socialist assumption that the cure for a little monopoly is the creation of a big one. Nationalization is monopoly on the grand scale. It eliminates all possibility for healthy, life-giving competition. It raises prices with a stroke of the ministerial pen. The customer can do no right. The State can do no wrong. And, in terms of the household budget, the high cost of living is the measure of the high cost of socialism.—CECIL PALMER, "How Nationalization Works in Britain," *U S A*, 9-52.

#### SUCCESS—36

Success lies not in achieving what you aim at, but in aiming at what you ought to achieve, and pressing forward, sure of achievement here, or if not here, hereafter.—R F HORTON, *Toastmaster*, hm, *Toastmasters Internat'l*.

### TALK—37

Are we the most talkative nation in the world? Figures seem to indicate that we are—and are growing more so. Of the 79,300,000 telephones in the world, more than 45,500,000 ring in the U S. We carry on 175,900,000 conversations a day—exactly 900,000 a day *more* than a yr ago. — MARJORIE ROSE LYNNE, *Woman*.

### TAXES—38

You can rest easy now. You only had to work from Jan 1 to the middle of May to pay off this yr's taxes.—*Beveridge Paper Newsletter*.

### TELEVISION—39

Meck Television, Inc, survey reveals that people without TV spend almost as much time in front of a set as owners. Set owners average 16½ hrs a wk watching TV, non-owners average 12 hrs at friends' homes. One non-owner said he spends average of 35 hrs a wk watching video in other homes.—*Newsweek*.

### WAR—Peace—40

What we really have to fear is man himself, not the weapons he has invented. Man must always pull the triggers. — Dr RALPH J BUNCHE, Director, Dept of Trusteeship, United Nations.

### WISDOM—41

The wise are neither young nor old—their physical age tells us nothing, any more than the generality of men can be divided between age and youth on the basis of their knowledge. The wise are always young in will and energy, and old in experience and reflection. — FRANCES R LISCHNER, "Living the Life," *New Outlook*, 9-'52.



### Hot Dog Duel

Prince Otto von Bismarck, the great German statesman of the past century, once became so incensed at the criticism of a prof that he challenged him to a duel. As challenger, he had to leave the choice of weapons to his opponent.

When Bismarck's seconds presented themselves to learn the choice of weapons, they ret'd lugging a pair of sausages.

The prof said in effect, "One sausage is perfectly safe to eat. The other has been loaded with a deadly amount of trichinae which will cause a slow and lingering death, or at least, long invalidism.

"If he will eat one, I will eat the other. He may have his choice of sausages."

Bismarck was no fool. A man might die with some sort of honor on a duelling field, but never by eating a poisoned hot dog. He sent his answer: "His highness has destroyed the sausages and asks that you be his guest at dinner this evening. After due consideration he feels he may have been slightly in error. He believes an agreement can be reached."

What a pity the duel-minded factions in nations, in capital and labor, in religions and in races can't be confronted with the same choice. Most of us are gamblers in one way or another, but a mere 50-50 chance of life would over night turn this into a peaceful world.—*KVP Philosopher*.

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# Good Stories..... you can use

A bride was showing her uncle her new home.

"This is my room, Uncle," she announced. "We have twin beds because they are much more hygienic. That one's Ben's and this one's mine."

Then the uncle noticed a little blue clock on a shelf.

"What a charming little clock," he said.

"Yes," said the girl. "It's a wedding present from Aunt Anne."

A few days later the uncle received a letter from the girl telling how the clock had disappeared the very afternoon he was there and she wondered if he could throw any light on the subject.

Replied the uncle: "Look in Ben's bed."—DAN BENNETT. a

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Little Helen had been coaxing to be allowed to go to the College Club dinner with Mother and Daddy.

"No, dear," said her mother, "we cannot afford to take you. The banquet costs two dollars and fifty cents a plate."

"But, Mother," urged Helen, "I could take my own plate."—PEARL E BROWN. b

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Christian Dior came into his office one day and found an unknown man busily looking thru all the designs in his new collection of dresses. The couturier was going

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## I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

EDITH H MORRELL

Some women friends of my acquaintance were "doing" the French dep't of the San Francisco Art Bldg. They had a smattering of French which they were, of course, eager to display.

As the group approached an exit, after half-a-day of looking at sculpture and reading French titles, they noticed, standing by the door, a simple squared-off stone number. Still steeped in French, they stood back and looked it over from all angles, admiring the simplicity of the work, but wondering vaguely what the artist had had in mind. The object bore a single word, not too clearly inscribed.

While several of the ladies were endeavoring to decipher and translate, one suddenly gave a little snort. "Read it in English!" she advised.

They did.

The word was G-A-R-B-A-G-E.

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to call the police when the man begged him not to.

"Why not?" said Mr Dior. "You are spying on me."

"Oh, no, I'm not spying," said the man. "I'm only a poor pick-pocket, and I must know where the pockets are going to be in next season's dresses." — *C'est la Vie*, Paris. c

The old mountaineer had 3 great interests: "Charred-in-the-keg" corn whiskey, the nearby city of Knoxville, Tenn, and the Republican party.

The old fellow rocked a moment in glum silence then called to his wife, "Fix the beds, Ma—we've done talked out."—RALPH MCGILL, *Mag Digest*. d

The new maid was slow, lackadaisical, and woefully inefficient. "Did you ever do a good day's work in all your life?" her harried mistress demanded. The girl leaned on her broom and chewed her gum meditatively. Finally she drawled, "Do you mean all together or just at one time?"—*Christian Science Monitor*.

"Mary," said the sympathetic employer after seeing her maid out with a certain young man, "I thought you said you had given up that young man."

"That's right, ma'am, I have," was the reply. "But you see what it is—I had to give him a wk's notice."—*Among Friends.*

A checkmated man is one who lets his wife write the checks.—O A BATTISTA.

A scientist says that in another 100 yrs there will be no blondes left in this country. Um-m. . . It's sorta hard to leave one now!—Pure Oil News, Inc. Pure Oil Co.

To me the most aggravating thing about the younger generation is that I no longer belong to it.—Oakland (Calif) Acorn.

Some people think they are big shots just because they explode.—Arkansas Baptist.

When a man says, "I want to thank you a thousand times," you know he's a Republican. If he says, "Thanks a million," he's a Democrat.—Bremer Co (Ia) Independent.

*A man is incomplete until he's married; then he's really finished.*  
—Mississippi Spectator.

*A campaign yr gives many minor politicians a chance to make major speeches. — Scripps-Howard Newspapers.*

Children are people who talk while your favorite radio comedian is performing and shut up like clams during the commercial. — Burrton (Kans) Graphic.

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## Dilly-Dallying

by Jim Dille



AN OPPONENT OF ME-TOOISM  
FACES A BALD FACT

I'll admit Adlai and Ike are a bit alike  
In one way, 'cause I want to be fair;  
When they bend their heads o'er a TV mike,  
I'll concede they're both short of hair!

" "

Whistle-stop tours aren't new.  
Every evening in our city wolves  
are touring the streets whistling to  
make 'em stop.

" "

Gene Tunney says Jack Dempsey  
could whip today's five leading  
heavyweights all in one evening.  
Since Dempsey couldn't whip Tun-  
ney in two evenings, this will give  
you a rough idea of how Gene  
evaluates his own ability.

" "

No man is a hero in his own  
home . . . but give a housewife a  
romantic novel and convenient  
mirror, and she soon becomes a  
heroine.

" "

Most married men wish those  
thirty dollar permanent waves their  
wives get were a bit more perma-  
nent.

" "

Free speech is something you  
sure get a lot of during a political  
campaign.

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At one hospital they're still  
laughing over the woman who  
looked at her son's 1st child and  
saw "a nose just like George's . . .  
and aren't those eyes the dupli-  
cate of Marilyn's? . . . and look  
at that chin. It's Henry all over  
again."

"Oops," said the nurse thru her  
mask as she checked the beads  
around the infant's neck. "Wrong  
baby."—JACK KARR, "Pop Has it  
Tough, Too," *Woman*, 10-'52. g



### Breathing Spell

*Air-conditioned cars will be  
available in the 1953 models.—  
News item.*

Time was, we used to take a drive  
To near or distant places  
To get outside, and while we'd ride  
Feel breezes on our faces.

The air was always good enough  
In almost any section,  
So long as it was stirred a bit  
It didn't need correction.

But soon we'll hold our noses as  
We run from house to auto,  
And breathe no more from door to  
door  
Than we have really got to.

—”

A bright young man, striving to  
think of an original way to pro-  
pose, finally asked his sweetheart,  
"Could you be persuaded to climb  
my family tree?"—*Watchman-Ex-  
aminer.* h

An Albuquerque lawyer was paying his very efficient sec'y \$170 a mo. Albuquerque hadn't enough good secretaries to supply the demand, so in order to keep his girl the lawyer raised her to \$225 a mo. At this point the Wage Stabilization Bd stepped in and told the lawyer he could not raise her above \$190 a mo, so he reduced the salary accordingly. Shortly thereafter the sec'y went to work for the Stabilization Bd for \$250 a mo.—*New Mexico Miner.* 1

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✓ A prof was seated next to a particularly empty blonde at a dinner. After several desperate attempts at conversation, he finally exclaimed, "Don't you ever read the papers?"

"Oh, yes," she ans'd. "I always read in the dark after going to bed."

"Really!" remarked the prof, interested in the phenomenon. "You can see in the dark to read?"

"Oh, no," she repl'd seriously. "You see, it rests my eyes."—*Basinful of Fun*, Leeds, England. j

## *A Stone's Throw* by Florence Stone

### Farewell To Summer!

When witches prowl, and banshees wail  
And chilly autumn winds blow high,  
To humid days and sultry nights  
I gladly bid adieu, good-bye!

In peace my pets snooze on the hearth,  
My cocker snores, my kitten purrs;  
October sings a lullaby, and  
Soon I'll wear fall clothes and furs!

A chap we know says his nephew got a job with the E B Eddy Co in Hull (Canada). He was trying to tell his grandmother about it. The old lady is pretty deaf and he had to shout. "Tom is going to work for E B Eddy," he said.

"What's that?" said grandmother.

"Tom has a new job in Hull!" he bellowed.

"Eh? What about Tom?"

He took a deep breath and gave it everything he had. "Tom's going to Hull!"

"Nonsense," said the old lady, smiling, "they've all got to sow a few wild oats!"—*Montrealer.* k

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✓ The draftee from the hills was being given his physical examination. It was the 1st time any such fuss had been made over him and he was a bit carried away by it all. The doctor was puttering around, peering into his eyes, asking questions, writing everything down. "Have you got any scars on you?" the doctor asked. The guy was startled for a min but recovered. "I ain't got no scars, doc," he chirped, "but I kin let you have a cigaret if you'll get me my clothes!"—*Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag.* 1

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A teacher was slightly in doubt as to what mark to give the boy on his answer in an examination to the question "What is a will?" The boy's answer: "A will is a written document in which a person tells how he wants his property divided among his errors."—*Automotive Dealer News.* m

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## Quote-ettes

Pres HARRY S TRUMAN, posing with Rep Horace Seely-Brown, Jr, (R-Conn) at Coast Guard Academy: "If this doesn't ruin you, you are bombproof." 1-Q-t

" "

Mrs MARY L DIDIER, Chicago, seeking divorce from her husband, Irvin: "He wouldn't buy our child a high-chair; she has to sit on a pile of books." 2-Q-t

" "

Unidentified W A C, discussing military service: "Some girls seem to think it's a drab life. They forget there are 5 men for every woman." 3-Q-t

SECOND CLASS MATTER

## News of the **NEW**

For smokers, a new pipe is curved so it rests on the chin, taking strain off the teeth. (American Mag, 250 Park Ave, N Y). This may be hard on the chin, but who cares? The populace has gone crazy over tooth preservation. Which brings us to a portable toothbrush with a built-in chamber holding 6-10 days' supply of toothpaste (which you can now buy in banana or strawberry flavor). Twist and push handle to charge bristles with paste. Resembling fountain pen, brush has clip-on cap permitting

it to be safely carried in pocket. (Science News Letter, 1719 N St, N W, Washington 6, D C).

Even when rushed, you won't confuse toothbrush with pen if you use a ball-point writing instrument that fits thimble-wise on the fingertip. This should be especially useful for surreptitious note-taking on the shirt cuff. (Financial World, 86 Trinity Pl, N Y 6).

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